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CHAFEE ANNOUNCES GRANT TO FUND EARLY HEAD START PROGRAM

WASHINGTON, DC – U.S. Senator Lincoln Chafee today announced that the U.S. Department of Health & Human Services has notified him that Early Head Start program at Children's Friend and Service will receive grants totaling \$1,054,024 to continue funding for the program. The Early Head Start program services pregnant women and infants up to three years of age in the Central Falls, south, and southwest Providence areas.

"One of the most important times in the life of a child or a mother is the formative years between birth and age 3," Senator Chafee said. "I am happy that programs like Early Head Start continue to receive funds like this in order provide quality education and child care for their participants."

The Children's Friends Early Head Start program provides home-based services consisting of education and development activities for the child as well as socialization activities for the family including parent/child activities and parent support and education groups. Parents will also have the opportunity to participate in numerous other programs through the Family Support Centers including literacy, ESL classes, father support groups, and others. Over half of the staff of the center is fluent in both English and Spanish in order to meet the needs of the Latino population in these communities.

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